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California Fig Syrup Co.,

APPROVED PROVISIONALLY. Schedule of Baltimore and Washing-

ton Transit Company. George F. Mellen, vice president of the Baltimore and Washington Transit

Company, has informed the District Commissioners that the following time table for the winter has been arranged by the company: Leave Takema Park junction at 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10 and 10:30 o'clock a.m. and 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m. Leave Wildwood, Md., at 8:45, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. and 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15 and As no complaint has been received against

this schedule the Engineer Commissioner, Captain Beach, has recommended to his asthe statement that should complaints be presented showing that it is insufficient the

where Congress has provided a pen- Bull. that the Commissioners may make such regulations as to speed of the cars, etc., as, in their judgment, the interest and convenience of the public may require. "Should the agents or servants of said company, reads the provision in question, "willfully or negligently violate such an ordinance or regulation, said company shall be liable to the District of Columbia for a penalty not the District of Columbia for a the District of Columbia for a penalty not exceeding \$500."

exceeding \$500."

This penalty, it is said, could be collected either in the Police Court through a criminal proceeding or on the law side of the Supreme Court of the District in a civil proceeding, and it is believed that should a provision of this kind be made applicable by Congress to all other local street rail-ways the Commissioners would be enabled to enforce an observance by the railway companies of such schedules as the munici-pal authorities should approve in the interest of the traveling public.

NO CAUSE FOR ACTION.

Report on Complaint of East Washing Heights Citizens.

At the last regular meeting of the East Washington Heights Citizens' Association it was decided to call the attention of the District Commissioners to the defective culvert under Branch avenue near its intersection with Pennsylvania avenue extended, and to the stagnant pool of water on the southwest side, which pool, it was declared, is a menace to the road, as well as to the fice luxuries. Across the hall is a small chamber upon whose wall is placed a trihealth of the public, with a request that they drain the pool and improve the road as soon as possible.

In a report made to the Commissioners by Mr. C. B. Hunt, the computing engineer, he states that he has examined the locality and found no cause for action. The culvert referred to has failed at its lower end by reason of a landslide which occurred sevfailed section to provide for drainage flow, since then, Mr. Hunt says, the water has percolated through, although he admits that at times the flow is interrupted and erate head has been produced, satisfactory drainage has been resumed. He reports that at present there is an accumulation of water about two feet deep over the upper end of the culvert, but he says the water is flowing out faster than it is flowing in, as

Graham Adee, brother of the assistant secretary of state, at his late residence, No. 1019 15th street. They were conducted by Rev. Alfred Harding, rector of St. Paul's

The remains were taken to Oak Hill cemetery, where, in the near future, the bodies of the dead father and mother of the deceased, now buried in New York, will be brought for interment.

Danger of Pneumonia.

termed an "ordinary cold" is usually the first warning, and in a few days Pneumonia follows. of evil in proportion to the age of the patient.

NOW RANKING MASON

Exalted Position Occupied by Representative Richardson.

FINE QUARTERS IN THE TEMPLE

Becomes a Veritable Potentate Within the Order.

Written for The Evening Star.

The hallowed mantle of the great Albert Pike, and with it all the pomp and sanctity of the world's highest Masonic rank, now falls upon the shoulders of Representative James D. Richardson of Tennessee. In other words, Mr. Richardson succeeds to the exalted office of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. This office has just been left vacant by the death of Thos. H. Caswell of San Francisco

Mr. Richardson becomes a veritable potentate within the Masonic sphere. Few foreign monarchs will be more gorgeously enthroned, more picturesquely surrounded, more ceremoniously attended than will he while formally executing the princely functions of his high office.

He succeeds to a life position. He will have at his disposal a palatially-appointed dwelling in which he may house himself and his family for the remainder of his days. He falls heir to a generous salary. When he travels far and wide upon the many official missions prescribed for him his expenses will be paid without stipula-tion or limitation. At the same time he will be permitted to retain his seat in Concress and to draw the salary accruing

Mr. Richardson becomes the ranking Ma-First, that the Scottish Rite confers the highest Masonic degree—the thirty-third; second, that he will preside over the world's oldest or "mother" supreme council of that order. Thus he can claim Masonic superi-ority over the Prince of Wales and President Diaz of Mexico, respectively grand pairon and grand commander of Scottish Rite Masons of their countries.

Better Off Than Speaker.

As sovereign grand commander Representative Richardson will draw a Masonic salary of \$3,000 a year for life. This, added to his congressional salary of \$5,000 per annum, will aggregate for him the same allowance prescribed for the Speaker of the House of Representatives. While serving both as sovereign grand commander and representative he will be even better off, financially than if merely Speaker. Uncle Sam does not furnish the Speaker of his and that the company be so informed, with lower legislative body a palatial dwelling as does John Bull. ardson has aspired to the speakership ever since he has been democratic leader on the

Commissioners reserve the right to take up floor of the House. While serving both as with the company the matter of a new schedule. This recommendation the Commissioners have approved.

In this connection it is stated that this case is one of the very few, if not the only one, where Congress has provided a pen-

"The Holy House of the Temple," at 3d and E streets northwest, will be at Mr. alty for failure of a street railway company to observe such running schedules as the Commissioners approve. The act authorizing the entrance of this railway into the District provides, among other things,

Mr. Richardson's bed chamber is a capaclous room on the third floor. It is furnished with a handsome mahogany folding bed, couch, bureau, several tables and chairs and a luxurious rug. The mantel is cut of white marble and the walls are hung with valuable oil paintings, purchased by Albert Pike. A large photograph of the great Mason himself looks down upon his successor. Piled upon the tables are numerous books of rare value. The room is situated in the corner of the building and cent is a private bath, with porcelain tub and tiled floor and walls. Distributed about the temple are eight similar apartbe at the disposal of such members of Mr. Richardson's family as he may care to house within the building. Such as are va-cant will be used by committee chairmen of the Supreme Council during meetings of that august body. These rooms have been furnished by various states of the southern

commander occupies similar space upon the second floor. It contains two mahog-any desks, book cases and all modern ofangular brass tablet marking the apart-ment as the hallowed place in which Gen. Albert Pike, Gen. J. C. Bachelor and Judge P. C. Tucker, former sovereign grand commanders, departed this life. Upon the adthe pencil with which General Pike, upon his deathbed, wrote the lines: "Shalom. peace, that comes with blessing to carereason of a landslide which occurred several years ago, he says, and at the time an iron pipe was placed in the waterway of the These words, as originally written by the great Mason, are framed with his pencil.

The gorgeous throne upon which Mr. Richardson will sit while exercising the formal functions of his kingly office overlooks a grand hall, known as the senate chamber of the Supreme Council. This hall is entered from the west by two anterooms. Above it rise a domed ceiling lined with electric burners. The floor is covered by a luxurious red carpet. The sides of the room are lined with high is shown, he contends, by an examination of the stream and of the ice which covers the pond. He declares that the water is not stagmant, but that it is constantly renewed by a fair-sized running stream.

benches erected upon platforms and reserved for visiting Masons of the "thirty-three desks, occupied by members of the senate of the Supreme Council

Mr. Richardson's throne is a majestic seat elevated upon a dals approached by three steps. It is sheltered by a heavy canopy morning over the body of the late David of royal purple velvet and silk bordered, Graham Adee, brother of the assistant secit is a gold and white pedestal with tri-angular top, holding a gavel. Upon the floor of the hall and directly in front of this pedestal stands an altar supporting a lamp which will burn incense while Mr. Richardson sits in state. Upon the right and left of the throne proper are two sub-thrones for the grand chancellor and grand minister of state. The large throne is now draped in crepe in memory of the death of Mr. Caswell. Upon the seat rests the sovereign grand commander's triple cross in immortelles. In the center of the hall stands a white altar, upon which thirty-third degree Masons take their solemn obligations. Three smaller thrones, for the lieutenant grand commander, grand prior and grand standard bearer of the order, occupy the end of the room opposite to where Mr. Richardson will be stationed. Above these three subthrones rises a choir loft, extending over the width of the hall and containing a large pipe organ. A Our old winter enemy, Grip, is at hand, and in his wake will follow his twin brother. What is

ond and thirty-third degrees.

While sitting upon his throne Mr. Richardson will wear a large triangular collar of white cloth, embroidered in gold and the three-cornered aperture of this vestment, he will arrange it so that the two upper points-extend over his shoulders and the third hangs to his waist. The lower point will be embroidered with a small ingh temperature, cough and difficult respiration supervene. The only safety lies in the prompt use of "SEVENTY-SEVEN," Dr. Humphreys famous Specific for the cure of Grip and the Prevention of Pneumonia. At all Drug Stores, or by Mail, 25c.

1. Pocket Manual mailed free. surrounded by a rayed sun. Upon the right will be embroidered the American and Scottish Rite flags, crossed; upon the left, the eagle of the Supreme Council, beneath a Kadosh jewel. Appended to the lower point of the collar will hang the sovereign grand commander's jewel—a Masonic emblem displayed upon an array of stars and a rayed sun of silver, two and a half inches in diameter, covered with diamonds. This decoration was made for Gan Backellar and the same invocation, because these names are always on our lips and in our hearts.

well. Below it will be worn the apron of the last Masonic degree.

Whenever signing an official communica-tion or document Mr. Richardson will pre-fix the triple cross of his office in red ink to his signature, commonly in black. This

Mr. Richardson will be the chief executive and judicial officer of his jurisdiction, which includes thirty states and all of the territories of the Union. It will be his duty, so far as possible to visit Scottish Rite bodies in each of these states or territories at least once in two years. His expenses during these journeys will be paid out of the treasury of his order. Often he will be given use of the private cars of high railroad officials active in Masonry.

Mr. Richardson's elevation to the highest Masonic rank is the result of direct succes-

Mr. Richardson's elevation to the highest Masonic rank is the result of direct succession. He was venerable lieutenant grand commander of the Scottish Rite prior to the death of Mr. Caswell. According to the unwritten rule of the order the incumbent of the second highest office succeeds to the first in the event of a vacancy therein. The formal election of Mr. Richardson will not occur until next October, although he has already actively assumed the responsibilities of his office.

It is not anticipated that Mr. Richardson will permanently occupy the Scottish Rite

will permanently occupy the Scottish Rite Temple as a home, or install his family therein. Between sessions of Congress, when his Washington residence is closed, he will probably avail himself of the privileges of his official home at odd times requiring his presence there. General Pike. quiring his presence there. General Pike with his family, made the temple his per manent home during the last years of his life. General Bachellor did likewise, alwho lived in Texas, occupied the building a half of each year and brought his family with him. Mr. Caswell came on from California each year and remained at the tem-ple generally four months, but was not ac-companied by his family.

Great Banquet Hall.

If Mr. Richardson should bring his family to the temple, he would be required to take them out for their meals or have a caterer serve them in their rooms. The temple contains no private dining room although a vast banquet hall is provided on the basement floor. This room is quite as large as the great Senate chamber and will seat about three hundred guests. It is utilized only during sessions of the Supreme Council. Adjoining are a spacious kitchen

and pantry.

The Scottish Rite Temple originally belonged to Colonel Reeves, United States army. It was bought by General Pike in 1883, for the uses of the Supreme Council. Later was added the library, which contains 75 000 volumes valued at \$100 000, and tains 75,000 volumes, valued at \$100,000, and which is said to be the most extensive col-lection of Masonic books in the world. Five years ago the Supreme Council purchased two houses adjoining the original temple and thereby added space for the senate chamber and a museum, which in the future will contain antiquities of all kinds, besides several thousand dollars' worth of relics collected by Albert Pike and now stored in boxes.

JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS, Jr.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Ladies of G. A. R. Under New Leaders-Flag Presentation.

The following officers, elected for the year 1901 by Grant Circle, No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, were duly installed recently at Typographical Hall by Mrs. Fannie A. Calvert, past president, under a dispensation from the national president: Mrs. Florence L. Barringer, president; Mrs. Aivira V. Colton, senior vice president; Mrs. Julia E. Emerson, junior vice president; Mrs. Mary E. Hale, secretary; Mrs. Sarah S. Thorne, treasurer (reelected), Mrs. Josephine Johnson, conductress; Mrs. Wood, assistant conductress Mrs. Hannah J. Devoe, guard; Mrs. Turnbull, assistant guard.

The installation of Mrs. Fannie A. Cal vert, chaplain (re-elected), who acted as in stalling officer, was postponed to a subse quent meeting. Mrs. Emma A. Hawkes was elected delegate, and Mrs. C. W. Bollinger alternate delegate to the next an The meeting was opened with the beauti ful and impressive "flag service," peculiar to this order, the audience rising and join-

ing in the "Guard the Flag" song At the conclusion of the installation cereinscribed, was presented by Mr. Fred. G. Calvert on behalf of the circle to the retiring president, Mrs. Nellie C. Royce, after program was rendered: Plano solo, Mrs Jones; recitation, "Colonial Days" and "To These Who Have Been There," Miss Lilian Royce; song, "The Old Brigade" and "The Old Arm Chair," Comrade R. M. McKee; recitation, "How Santa Claus' Life Was Saved," Miss Garst; mandolin and guitar duet, Miss Fitness and Mr. Saunders. Refreshments were served and the mem-bers and their guests joined in singing

BRIGHTWOOD INTERESTS.

Association Adopts Resolutions or

'America," with which the meeting closed

The ceaseless downpour of rain last even ing did not deter the enthusiasm of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, nor did it interfere perceptibly with attendance. President Louis P. Shoemaker presided. Joseph R. Keen, who was for many years District superintendent of schools, was elected to honorary membership. Mr. Shoemaker announced that there would be a special meeting of the association called in about two weeks' time.

A number of resolutions upon various subjects of interest were adopted. One, reported from the committee on railroads, authorized the committee, with the president of the association, to call on the officials of the Washington Traction Company and protest against the further use of open cars on the Brightwood line during the winter season.

A resolution was also adopted indorsing the Commissioners in asking for larger aptheir efforts before the committees of Conthe people of the District. Other resolutablishment in the suburbs of Washington vide employment for a large number of city; advocating the construction of the Memorial bridge and suitable bridges over Rock creek, and the extension of 13th and 14th streets, these improvements to be mad-at the expense of the government; request the Brightwood Hotel instead of as at present some distance to the north; calling the attention of the Commissioners to the langerous condition of Brightwood avenue.

In your newspaper I read yesterday ar editorial which denied that a Filipino writer may be the author of the petition presented the day before in the Senate because it is said, there is not in such appeal anything of oriental or Asiatic ideas, on the centrary to its style is true American. As I carried the petition and had the honor to hand it to Senator Teller, allow me to assure you it was written and com-posed by a Filipino, who I know very well, but I do not wish to publish his name because I am afraid to put him in a risk to be deported, according the fashion in my unfortunate country. While I am

Regarding the style of it, please read the Spanish original of the document and you will find it in the characteristic Flipino style, though in the English translation, which caused your doubt and which was which caused your doubt and which was made in this country, at my request, naturally you found the American style.

As for the Asiatic or oriental ideas I beg to ask you what kind of such ideas did you find in the scientifical books of Mercado, in the sacred orations of Burgos, in the novels of Rizal, in the poems of the Apostol, in the Constitution of Malolos, in any literary production of the Filipino intelligency. We are Asiatics for the place of our birth, but our education, our manners, our civili-

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years of practice and close, scientific study, gave to the science of medicine the most wonderful

for nervous allments, an unfailing blood purifier ad been discovered by Prof. Phelps of Dartmouth ery compound as the most-to-be-desired discovery of a time when modern ways of working and liv-

When a great public demand arose for this rem edy from one end of the country to another, at began to try to impose upon people one and another trade medicine, sometimes harmful, always worthless, claiming for them the unexampled properties of Paine's celery compound.

Paine's celery compound made people well! The aged and infirm found in it new and lasting

out, run down, despondent, sick, suffering with insomnia, rheumatism, diseases of the kidneys, regained their health, and strength, and buoyancy | The story of the lifework of this great physician | healthy increase in appetite and a corresponding | so much.

pound. As a great leader and writer in Boston publicly declared one day, Paine's celery comall the ordinary nervines, sarsaparillas and trade preparations as the diamond is brighter than or-From thousands of grateful persons

testimonials began to pour in from those whom Paine's celery compound had benefited. The wealthy and the poor, the famous and the comparatively unknown, sent to the proprietors of the remedy, to the newspapers, to their physicians, to their friends, the glad news that here at last they had found a remedy that made them themselves

And the foolish fellows with their silly trums, starting up here and there every year, discovered as often as they tried it that, when a person's health is at stake, he will not be imompound was in the year before; posed upon. Paine's c the demand this spring is greater than for all the so-called spring remedies combined. People insist upon having the one remedy that does them good, makes them strong, repairs their shattered strength. They call for Paine's celery compound!

He studied medicine with Prof. Nathan Smith of New Haven, Conn., and graduated in medicine at

and prominence. First he was elected to the pro-University. Next he was appointed lecturer on materia medica and medical botany in Dartmouth pled the chair, the most important one in the

Today Paine's celery compound stands without an equal for feeding exhausted nerves and buildcally and permanently. The nervous prostration and general debility from which thousands of woond nature with them—all this suffering and de-spondency can be very soon removed by properly feeding the nerves and replacing the unhealthy blood by a fresher, more highly vitalized fluid. A

Paine's celery compound is the most remarkal medical achievement of the last fifty years. recognized and prescribed today by eminent practitioners for diseases arising from a debilitated nervous system. Prof. Phelps gave to his profession a positive cure for sleeplessness, wasting strength, dyspepsia, biliousness, liver complain neuralgia, rheumatism, all nervous diseases and kidney troubles. For all such complaints Paine's celery compound has succeeded again and again

where everything else has failed. It is as harmless as it is good, and it was the the compound be placed where the general public could secure it, and thousands of people have year after year proven the wisdom of this good advice Only a truly great and effective remedy could continue, as Paine's celery compound has done, to old its unrivaled place in the estimation of the men and women whose only means of judging is from the actual results in their own home 'or among their friends. No remedy was ever so highly recommended, because none ever accomplished

Mr. Charles G. Thorn, a local plumber several days ago requested of the District Commissioners permission to use four-inch plumbers have made similar requests, and the inspector of plumbing, Mr. Charles B. the regulations, recently amended, as far as

to this exception. Mr. Ball has also recommended that he be empowered to apply the same ruling

for a period not to exceed the time between now and May 1, 1901, to applications of a similar nature, taking pains to verify the amount of stock stated to be on hand, and to note the various localities in which it is used, with instructions in case any question of good faith on the part of any ap-plicant should arise to refer such a case to the Commissioners for further considera-

A dance was given at Odd Fellows' Hall Thursday night, under the management of Messrs. Irwin and Lester.

pulpit.

The post office at East Falls Church has been removed to the store of Mr. Philip Nourse, the new postmistress, Miss Gertrude Nourse, having taken charge.

A euchre club has been organized, which will meet at the residence of Mr. Pickering Dodge Thursday hights.

Prof. J. L. Ewell of Washington is filling the pulpit of the Congregational Church, made vacant by the resignation of the pastor.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT

RETAINING WALL BEING CONSTRUCT-ED ALONG POTOMAC PARK.

Preparing for the Work of the New Dredge-Oyster and Fish

A force of hands is busily engaged in

throwing up an embankment along the site the Water street wharves as a retaining wall for the mud to be thrown on the operations. The embankment along the about a month ago. If the park is raised to a level with the top of the embankments it will be four or five feet higher than its present level, and will be free from danger of flood except by phenomenally big tides, like that of the spring of 1889, when all the wharves along the river front were under water to a depth of four or five feet. The steamboat men want the officials at the Washington barracks to have the red glass put back in the gas lamp at the southwestern corner of the arsenal grounds. This red light has long been used by the river men as a mark to steer by on dark nights when coming from Alexandria to this city, and it has been very advantageous to them. The white light now shown by the lamp council he distributed it is said. the lamp cannot be distriguished, it is said from the dozens of other; shore lights visible every night. The replacing of the red light would be a great convenience to those whose business requires them to come up the river at night. the river at night.

The supply of fish at the wharf market this morning was larger than it has been for some time, but the market was duller than usual and prices continue low, ranging at about the figures of the last ten days. This morning the Norfolk line steamer

This morning the Norfolk line steamer brought up thirty-five packages of bay and sea fish from the nets about Virginia Beach and the river steamers brought up ten barrels from the river nets. Prices this morning were: For bass, 7 to 10c. per pound; gray trout, 7 to 8c. per pound; salmon, 15c. per pound; spike, 7 to 8c. per pound; codfish, 6c. per pound; white perch, 4 to 10c. per pound; smelts, 7 to 8c. per pound; pollock, 8 to 9c. per pound; jumping mullets, 4 to 5c. per pound; catfish, 15c. per bunch, and yellow perch, 10 to 15c. per bunch.

The oyster market continues to be fully

month. The market is dull, and prices show tendency to come down, though most of the vessel owners are still holding up in the hope that they can sell out and get away without losing money. But as fast as one vessel gets away two come in to take her place and keep the market over-stocked. Since yesterday six vessels have arrived in port. The Emmet Arthur, with 400 bushels; the Petrel, with 150 bushels; the Hiawatha, with 100, and the Ballard, with 450, come from Blackistone's Island; the Col. Seth, with 300 bushels, from the Rappahannock, and the H. P. Barnes, with about 100 bushels, from Pocomoke sound. The Norfolk line and the river steamers

The schooner A. H. Quinby will load lum-

for H. K. Field, from Williamston, N. C. On her trip up the Simmons got ashore near Williamston and remained aground for sev-The steamer Harry Randall came into

port yesterday evening but little over an hour late in spite of the heavy fog through which she had to run. She brought up a light freight. The schooner Kate Mueller, having fin-ished the discharging of her cargo of wood, has sailed for a river landing to reload

wood for this port.

The schooner Belmont is reported below Alexandria with a cargo of cord wood for oort yesterday evening for a cruise. The steamer E. James Tull is in port with a cargo of cord wood from the Coan river for Robert Murphy on the Eastern branch.

andria with a cargo of oysters for the marwith another tow of six oyster laden craft from the lower river oyster beds. The schooner Leonard, having completed the discharging of her cargo of lumber, has salled for the Coan river to load for Carter

The Cora McKenney has arrived at Alex-

The steamer Lily and Howard is in port The tug Jas. O. Carter has arrived in port with two scows, in tow laden with crushed stone from Occoquan.

The Mary Francis and Five Sisters have

craft on the river will have several addiengaged in preparing plans for these new boats.

The rebuilding of the coal chute and trestle work of the Baltimore and Ohio railway at Shepherd's landing, opposite Alexandria, is progressing slowly. When it is completed it will be strong enough to sustain the weight of the heaviest cars and en-

tain the weight of the heaviest cars and en-It is stated that the steamer Washington of the Norfolk and Washington line, which has been rebuilt in Baltimore, will be brought around to this city next week. She

will then take her place on the route beween this city and Norfolk.

All the river boats are bringing up considerable game from the lower river for the dealers here. Some few ducks are coming to market, but they mainly come from the James and Rappahannock rivers.

Arrangements are being made at Mr. Frank Price's fishing shore, Plum Tree Gut, in Occoquan bay, to begin the hauling of seine in a very short time. Several of the other fishing shores along the river will be The new sand digging machine of Mr. Louis Smoot, which has been building on the Eastern branch, was yesterday afternoon successfully launched. The machinery and boiler for the new machine will be put in at once, and it will be ready for service in the early spring. The new sand dredge is somewhat larger than the one now used

The new mast for the pungy Shining Light is about completed, and will be put on the boat on its next trip to this port. Capt. Harry Randall has returned from New York, and has again taken charge of his steamer, the Estelle Randall. Mrs. Kersey, wife of Engineer Charley Kersey, is very ill at her home in Alexan-Mr. Julian Moore has recovered from his

recent attack of typhold fever and is out Mr. Thomas Murdock of Charles county, Md., has been appointed quartermaster of the steamer Harry Randall.

Capt. D. C. Pearson, 2d Cavalry, and

First Lieut. L. C. Wolf, corps of engi-

General News.

The large launch Alert, belonging to Dr. Rauterberg, was yesterday evening taken from the water and laid up for the winter.

The sailing yacht Lawrence, now meored at the foot of N street, will remain in port the sailing to the sai

WITH A PROVISO. Certain Plumbing Material May Be Used Until May 1.

lead bends and one-and-a-half and two-inch lead traps he has in stock. Other Ball, has reported to the Commissioners that he sees no reason why, under certain restrictions, it may not be considered entirely fair to postpone the application of the material in question now on hand involved. He has, therefore, recommended that the applicant be informed that the materials specified by him may be used between now and the first of next May, with the proviso that no material of a similar character is to be purchased, and that the inspector of plumbing shall be furnished with a statement in each case as the worl

At the last meeting of Falls Church Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., officers were in-stalled for the six months ending June 30. The annual meeting of the Falls Church Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at the office of the president Wednesday, and, without transacting business, an adjournment was made subject to the call of

The services for the week of prayer closed last night with mission services at the M. E. Church South. The previous night, in the absence of Rev. Miller of the M. E. Church, Rev. R. S. Davison occupied the